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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue — 9 August 2007: "World Heritage — South America" stamps and prestige booklets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 9 August 2007, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "World Heritage — South America". This is the thirteenth United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites. It is the eleventh in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

2. The sites selected in this series are: Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), Rapa Nui (Chile), Tiwanaku (Bolivia), Machu Picchu (Peru), Iguaçu National Park (Brazil) and Cueva de las Manos (Argentina).

3. The stamps will be issued in denominations of $0.41, $0.90, SwF 1.00, SwF 1.80, €0.55 and €0.75. The photographs were adapted as stamps by Rorie Katz (United Nations, New York) and were printed in offset by the Lowe-Martin Group (Canada).

(United States equivalents: SwF 1.00: $0.82; SwF 1.80: $1.48; €0.55: $0.74 and €0.75: $1.01, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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Prestige booklets

4. Also on 9 August 2007, UNPA will issue its eleventh set of prestige booklets. The three booklets on the theme "World Heritage — South America" have a common design based on the six commemorative stamps for this issue, and each contain a total of 16 pages of text and six pages of four stamps each, for a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations. The booklets are priced at $8.50, SwF 8.40 and €6.60.

(United States equivalents: SwF 8.40: $6.89 and €6.60: $8.87, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 9 August 2007, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.